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To Hunt Lost Bullion,

Hull, England,-In an effort to recover relics and bullion from a Spanish walleon which lies in Robermory bay, a syndicate has been formed. It is quite distinct from a previous syndicate called "The Pieces of Eight," except that Col. Kenneth Mackenzie Foss, who directed the previous operations, is one of the directors. Investigations made by an expert diver during the last few weeks are reported to have been very satisfactory.

Sterilization Law Invalid.

opinion of Percy R. Kelly and G. G. District. The act of 1917 was held unconstitutional because it designates inmates of state institutions only as subject to it and hence is held class legislation. The 1919 act was held invalid because it provides no court procedure for the disposal of cases.

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New Dollar Approved.

Washington,-The design of the new dollar approved by President Harding on one side has the well known profile of Liberty, together with the numerals 1921 and "E Pluribus Unum" as usual. On the reverse side is a well delineated engle with folded wings, perched imperiously upon the top of a mountain, with the rising sun in the distance. Above the engle's head are the olive branches of peace, while a broken sword, symbolical of the end of war, is clutched in its talons. Just beneath the eagle is the word "Peace," while at the top of the coin are the words "United States of America."

Civilization Lessons Come High. Washington.-Lessons in western civilization cost China \$210,486,500 in tuition fees and were "cheap at the price," Dr. Tsa, assistant secretarygeneral of the Chinese delegation to the armament conference, declared at a luncheon given by the Popular Government League. Since the Chinese spirit is "willing to let bygones be bygones," Mr. Tsa declared, "the bill could be reckoned up without bitter-

Millions Still Due Railroads,

rallroads by the government on claims and adjustments rising out of war-time control are estimated to require \$243,-042,060, according to a report sent by Director General of Railroads Davis to the Senate in response to a resolution introduced by Senator LaFollette. He said that the administration had available cash receipts with the treasury of \$152,880,000 for use in the settlement. and likewise holds much larger sums in



HE American is apt to repard his New Year as The New Year. Had he a penchant for celebrating holidays he could travel in a more or less leisurely way around the world, and in the course of the year could participate in six or seven New Year festivities, adding a couple

of Christmas celebrations for good measure," according to a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Our American might start his progressive holiday jaunt by going to some western European country for the approaching New Year which the United States too will celebrate. He could then travel to Greece, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, or Bulgaria in time for Christmas in those countries. Christmas is also December 25 in the countries named, according to their calendars, but corresponds to January 7 in America.

"By remaining a week in the same country he could also spend New Year Day, called January 1, but corresponding with the American and western European January 14. By pushing on and making good connec tions he might be able to reach Singapore, or by supplementing steamers with airplanes could reach China it-



self to take part in the most theroughgoing New Year celebration in the world, the Chinese New Year.

"After the Chinese New Year celebration, the traveler could pursue his holiday bunting less strenuously for a while. He could arrange to arrive in Slam in time

for the Sinmese New Year on April 1, and afterward could have five months of sightseeing before reaching Arabia for the Mohammedan New Year on September 4. He could then cross the Red Sea and make a quick journey into Abyssinia to take part in the New Year festivities of that country on September 10. Returning to the Red Sea and taking a stenmer north he could ensity reach Jerusalem in good time for the Hebrew New Year, October 3

"The holiday hunter would now have taken part in all the principal New Year celebrations of the world and could return to the Western hemisphere to spend the Christmas with which he is most familiar at his own bearth side. In aix days less than year he would have chalked up seven New Year and two Christmas celebrations to his credit.

"The world's multiplicity of New Albany, Ore,-Oregon's sterilization Year Days and Christmastides is due laws were held unconstitutional in an to the fact that our calendar is largely an arbitrary device. The earth re-Bingham, judges of the Third Judicial | volves around the sun in 305,2422 days. which makes the true year a very odd measure of time. And it is almost as difficult to choose a logical beginning for the year as it is to find the starting point of a circle. Different peoples have selected different starting points and have also assumed the year to be of slightly different lengths. This has not only resulted in the years beginning at different times but has also caused the times of beginning to vary in their relations to one another from year to year. It is as though a clock had half a dozen or more hands all moving around the ilal from different starting points,

"The most logical starting points for the year would seem to be summer and winter solstices and the spring and autumn equinoxes; and all of them have been made to mark the beginnings of the years in some parts of the world. The Gregorian calendar that is now in use in the United States and throughout most of the Thristian world, is the Julian calendar elightly modified. When Julius Caesar

caused it to be constructed, the eginning of the vear, January 1, vas placed seven days after the winter solstice. and not in confunction with it as logic would seem to dictate. WHE made, means of the 'leap year' device, 865.25 days long, which was an ex-

chas over the true year of 11 minutes and 14 seconds. This excess caused Washington,-Final payments to the the nominal January 1 to creep gradually farther and farther beyond the winter solstice so that by the time of the Church Council of Nice in 325 it was eleven days beyond the solstice instead of seven.

"By the time of Pope Gregory's correction in 1582, January 1 was 21 days beyond the solstice and Christmas 14 bine them. Cook the sugar to a sirup beyond. If the calendar had remained uncorrected, New Year Day then mix in the fruit and nuts. Spread

Welcome, New Year

HAVE written a welcome a rhythmical welcome.

message glad-bearted I want you to read it, per

haps you may need it For it was intended for you. have written a greeting, a versified greeting,

With every word pertinent, true. To welcome the glad year, the merry, the sad year, The wonderful year that is new.

I have written a welcome, a loveinspired welcome, Read on 'till the story is through. This New Year advancing, inspiring, entrancing,

This New Year depends upon you. Will you make it a treasure and fill it with pleasure, Its skies of a heavenly hue,

Will your earnest endeavor enshrine it forever. This wonderful year that is new?

I have written a greeting, a wide-The best that my pencil could do, But the joy and the glory of making its story

A blessing, reverts unto you. If at last you have crowned it with good deeds and bound it With kindly intents not a few, Then through your endeavor you've hallowed forever

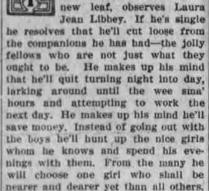
This wonderful year that is new. -I. M. Thornton, in Orange Judd Farmer,

Turning the Leaf

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"I have not found today so vain
Nor yesterday so fair and good
That I would have my life again
And live it over if I could,"

THE first conclusion that a man arrives at when he thinks of the new year is that he will turn over a



He thinks he has had quite enough

of bachelor life-in fact that he'll marry and settle down. The married man's thoughts ard along quite a different line. He makes up his mind to cut down the number of clubs to which he belongs and give his wife the new clonk she has been pining for. He will forego the stag he has b to join in, telling his wife that he's been to a prayer meeting. He concindes to give his wife a little more pleasure in the way of outings, and to pay her pretty compliments to keep her heart from withering altogether. He'll cease sneering when she speaks of her relatives and refrain

pay her a visit. The father in-law's thoughts take a different turn. After long and serious thought on the subject, he concludes that he will shut his eyes to his sonin-law's peccadilloes, give him a helping hand instead of grumbling at the manner in which he is keeping his daughter; that he'll not take sides with either when a family row is on.

from treating them shabbily when they

The free lance concludes to cross off all the married from his calling list, and to turn his attention to the women who are heart whole and fancy

The conductor on the trolley car concludes that he will begin the new year by stopping at just the corner that people want to get off at so that he may gain the thanks of the trayelers instead of the upbraidings of irate passengers who are obliged to walk many blocks back.

The rounder who depends on the lunch counter for his dally fare concludes that be will accept a job from any man who is inclined to give him a square deal. The gambler thinks he will turn his attention from the tricks of his trade because gambling is prohibited in his state. He thinks he may pick up a nimble penny by becoming a rousing revivalist-chasing the de'il round the stump. The milkman concludes not to stop at the town pump for a drink, the dashing chauffeur concludes to put his name and address in his identification book when he goes joy riding.

But do you think that these men will keep these resolves? It is a good thing to hope.

Liberty Candy.

Liberty candy calls for one cupfut of white sugar, a half-cupful of water, a pound each of raisins and dates, and two pounds of nuts. Chop the fruit and nuts separately, then comthat strings from the spoon, add flavor, into spring, then into summer." when almost cold cut into squares.

Southwest News From All Over

New Mexico and Arizona

If the present plans of George W. North and C. S. Cleaver are carried out, the concrete work on one of the largest factories in the state will be started by the first of the year at Deming, N. M. . The new plant will manufacture automatic hay baiers and by early spring it is planned to employ a force of about 1,500 men.

The Bank of Commerce of Taiban. Roosevelt county, New Mexico, has closed, State Bank Examiner J. B. Read has announced. He gave as the reason that the bank was overloaned. It has a capital stock of \$25,000 and surplus of \$5,000 and individual deposits on Sept. 26, when the last statement was made, were \$50,000.

Roy Pearce of Albuquerque, N. M., was sentenced to serve 100 days in the county jail in the court of Judge McClellan on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. When arrested Pearce had a pistol in his pocket and his companion had his pockets full of cartridges. Jenkins, the companion of Pearce, "went up" for thirty days.

Probably few people realize that Roosevelt-county, New Mexico, is now the sweet potate center of the Southwest and that this year over 150,000 bushels have been harvested in this one county alone. Owing to the lack of rain all the crop this year was harvested in the best condition and the quality is the best ever produced in the state.

Troop C cavalry of the New Mexico National Guard at Deming has perfected its organization and most of the equipment has been received. There are now more than the required number of men enlisted although some are away attending college at different parts of the country. All the horses are in good condition and drills are being held every week.

The Broomcorn and Warehouse Association of Portales, N. M., has closed its first year's business and the reports show that the season has been a most successful one. The principal work of the last season has been the finding of markets for the product and this has been done to such an extent that most of the crop has been shipped out in car load lots.

Contracts are to be awarded at once for construction of material sections of the main highway through Prescott, from Ash Fork to the southern county line, at Canon. The Black Canon route, the shortest to Phoenix, is to be improved through Yavapai county, without reference to the acceptance by the state of the Wickenburg route, between the two cities.

Suit for \$56,000 has been filed in the Superior Court of Santa Cruz county, Arizona, by President Alvaro Obregon of Mexico, against the administrator

of the Numa Vielldent estate. The administrator is H. J. Karns. It is alleged in the complaint that Karns, as administrator, refused to acknowledge Obregon's claim against the estate, when it was presented to him. Obregon claims that Vielldent, who died last spring, owed him \$56,000, for monles advanced Vielldent.

The 1922 annual convention of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association will be held March 20 and 21 in Las Vegas, N. M., the executive board has announced. The attitude to be adopted by the association toward the packers going into retail business and the question of lower leases and rentals on state grazing lands were considered at a recent meeting and referred to the resolutions committee. Further action will probably be deferred until the 1922 convention.

It is probable that most of the commercial travel from Phoenix to Globe, hereafter, will be handled over the Miaml-Superior highway, for which the opening date now is set at April 1. At this time, probably at Miami, will be n great celebration, for which plans have been made by representatives from Globe, Superior and Miami. This should do. road will cost about \$900,000.

Governor Campbell of Arizona, accompanied by Senator Ashurst, from the same state, invited President Harding to attend the 1922 convention of the United States Good Roads Association next spring at Phoenix, Ariz. The President said his plans would not enable him to attend, but he might visit Arizona later in the summer, during his expected tour of the West.

Senator Ashurst, Arizona, has transmitted to the Senate finance committee a request of raw asbestos produc- as a result of the eruption of Mauna ers in his state for a tariff duty of 30 is now on the free list. Senator Ashurst said if the asbestos mining indus- Islands. One was a conger eel, with try was given protection, it could produce within five years sufficient of berry thorns. They were all deep-wathis material to supply the American | ter fish, coming from a depth of 150 market.

The agricultural essay contest which was such a pronounced hit during the last Farm and Home Week at the university at Tucson, Ariz., will be repeated this year. Last year the State Bank Ts' Association was the force whic's made possible the cash prizes This year cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be offered for the three best essays. The contest is open to all persons trowing crops in Arizona and has a purpose to create a greater interest in improved methods of agriculture, ould have gone on creeping forward, in a thin layer on a buttered tin, and and to stimulate Farm and Home Week activities.

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Iclend, who carried a book der her arm.

"Yes, very," answered the friend;

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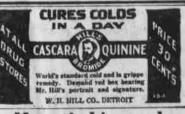
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